

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2175

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto Senate Bill 1239 because of the following objections:

Senate Bill 1239 would authorize Harris County to pay a supplemental salary to the district judges in that county in an amount up to \$2,000 more than the salary paid a statutory county court judge.

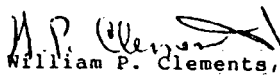
At present, county court at law judges in Harris County are paid \$80,577. Thus, this bill would allow district judges in Harris County to receive a salary of \$82,577, or \$3,782 more than that paid to judges in the highest state appellate courts. This is approximately \$26,000 more than the state paid salary of \$56,135 for district judges.

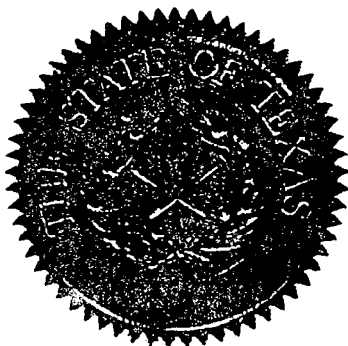
While I generally don't object to county supplements to district judges, particularly as compensation for work done for the counties, a pay raise of this magnitude would cause discontent, friction, and discord among state judges across the state performing the same functions but receiving differing amounts of compensation.


Such a large increase in one county would prove disruptive to the entire judiciary throughout the state.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1987.

  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor of Texas



  
Jack M. Rains  
Secretary of State

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